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HUEY'S STATEMENT

ON STOP THE DRAFT WEEK

Statement of Huey Newton from the Alameda County jail, for the April 23, stop the draft week demonstrations in Oakland.

"It appears that the efforts to suppress the will of the black community is intensifying. Every black man who attempts to enlighten the black masses is subversively silenced by the Establishment. This subversion does not occur in the classical shadows of secrecy, but instead it appears openly, wearing the disguise of law and order.

It now becomes incumbent upon those of us who are aware of this covert conspiracy to bring it to the attention of those who are being deceived. We must make the masses of the people aware that the order that is being maintained is that political-economic-social order of the status quo that allows the present power elite to continue to control the destiny of black people. The laws that are presently in existence were established with that type of order in mind. The laws that deal with human equality and social justice have been subordinated, and that order that refers to the condition of domestic and public tranquility have become secondary."

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY SUPPORTS THE OAKLAND SEVEN





District Attorney J. Frank Coakley

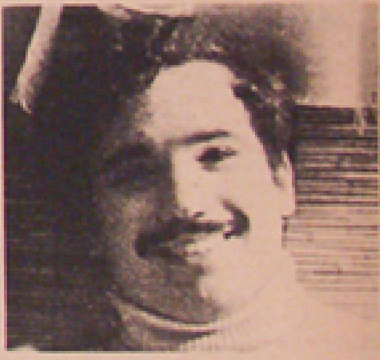




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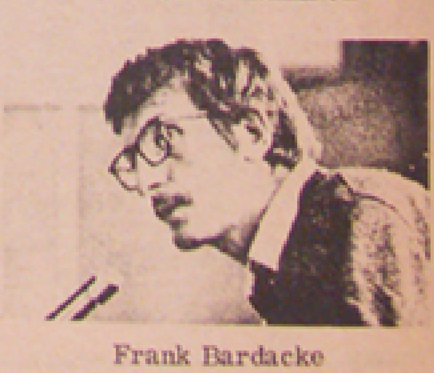
Terence Cannon



Steve Hamilton



Bob Mandel



Frank Bardacke

The Black Panther Party is launching a campaign against the oppressive actions of the Alameda County Court, led by J. Frank Coakley, against the Oakland Seven (Frank Bardacke, Terry Cannon, Reese Erlich, Robert Mandel, Jeff Segal, Steve Hamilton, Mike Smith), leaders of the anti-draft actions around the Oakland Induction Center a year ago. This was when white students for the first time were forced to fight the pigs in defense of their lives and political beliefs. The same Oakland pig department a week later attempted to murder our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton. Huey was railroaded through court and off to prison by Judge Friedman, J. Frank Coakley, and his assistant Jensen, after a racist grand jury indicted Huey. This same grand jury indicted the Oakland Seven who readily came forth and expressed their political beliefs: STOP THE DRAFT, END THE WAR IN VIETNAM, END RACISM, AND THAT HUEY P. NEWTON MUST BE SET FREE.

The Black Panther Party stands in complete support of the Oakland Seven, going to trial on the 13th of this month. We support them because we readily recognize that we have the same enemies: the Oakland pig department, J. Francis Coakley, and his assistant Jensen, who changed the transcript to trick the jury in Huey's trial. They are enemies to the people because we ask, "What lying tricks will Jensen and Coakley use in the trial of the Oakland Seven?"

OAKLAND 7

The Black Panther Party supports the Oakland Seven in their stand against the establishment's war in Vietnam. The Black Panther Party joins the Oakland Seven in their sentiment that the war in Vietnam is an improper and unjust action that profits no one but the owners of production. All knowledgable people can see that the war is an economic one, and not political. The war is necessary to bolster the falling profits of the military-industrial complex.

In addition to the common goal of "Stop the Draft," the Black Panther Party and the Oakland Seven agreed that the arrest and conviction of Huey P. Newton was the result of racism in the city administration.

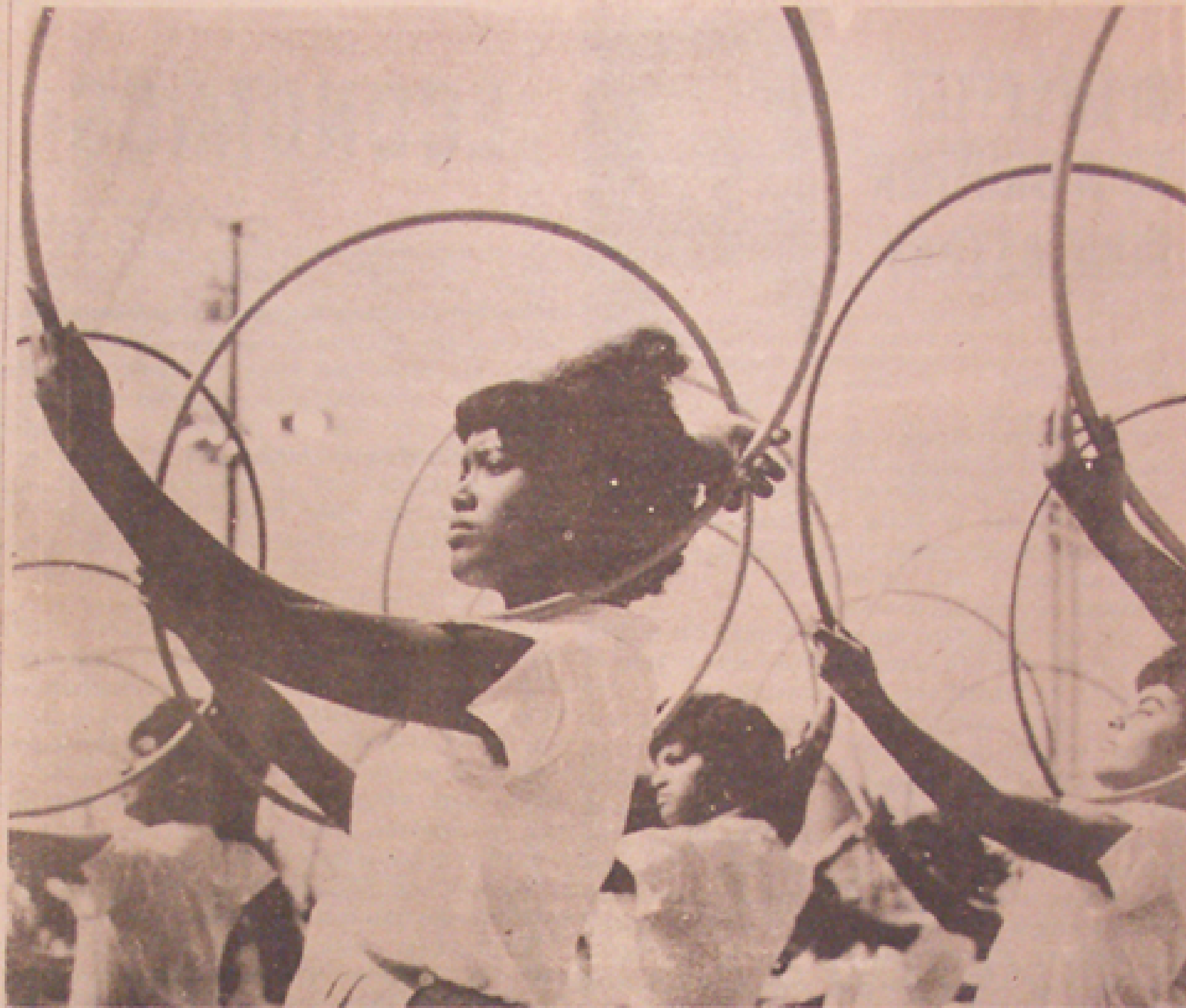
The Oakland Seven were arrested as a result of their activities during "Stop the Draft" Week in October 1967. One week after the Stop the Draft Week, the shooting incident for which Huey was arrested and convicted occurred, and the Stop the Draft Week group immediately gave their support to the "Free Huey" drive. When a second Stop the Draft Week was held in April, the Stop the Draft group adopted the slogan "Free Huey" in addition to their slogan of "Hell no, nobody goes."

The leadership of the Black Panther Party recognizes that the enemies of Huey P. Newton and all Black people are the very people that are trying to railroad the Oakland Seven, particularly the pigs Gain, Knowland, Reagan and Coakley. The same pig Jensen who led the corrupt prosecution against Huey P. Newton is expected to do his con act again and try to gain another unjust court victory at the expense of the Oakland Seven. The Black Panther Party intends to join the Stop the Draft Week Defense Committee to protest the oppressive actions being taken against the Oakland Seven.

The Oakland Seven gave their solid support to the "Free Huey" efforts of the Black Panther Party. The Oakland Seven supports the rights of self-defense and self-determination as outlined in the Black Panther Party Ten Point Platform and Program. The Oakland Seven supports the Black Panther demand that all Black prisoners be released from jail and prison. Now the Black Panther Party will return this support by joining with the other supporters of the Oakland Seven in demonstrations of solidarity when the Seven go to court in Alameda on Monday, January 13th. The Black Panther Party will also participate with Stop the Draft supporters in a four day discussion "Committee of Inquiry on the War and Repression" from January 16 to 19.

The Oakland Seven are to be tried for violation of a stupid state law that makes it a felony to conspire to commit misdemeanors. The seven men going to trial are Frank Bardacke, Terrence Cannon, Reese Erlich, Steven Hamilton, Robert Mandel, Jeff Segal and Michael Smith. The lawyers for the Oakland Seven are Charles Garry, who defended Huey Newton, Eldridge Cleaver and Warren Wells; together with Attys. Richard Hodge and Malcolm Bernstein.

The Black Panther Party which is still making every effort possible to secure freedom for Huey P. Newton, now gives its support to another revolutionary group, the Oakland Seven. As Chairman Bobby Seale said, "We must give the Black community awareness that there are a few John Browns still around." The Black Panther Party now says "Free Huey" and "Support the Seven."



YOUNG CUBAN PEOPLE PRACTICE GYMNASTICS

Peking Builds Largest Tanzania Textile Mill

DAR ES SALAAM, Africa — (TNS) —"Bridgehead" and "Foothold" are two of the favorite words used (especially in American parlance) to describe the Chinese penetration into Tanzania. Each new arrival from Peking, whether a group of doctors for the bushland or surveyors for a promised railway link to Zambia is chronicled as further evidence of the "Yellow Peril."

This type of catalogue usually omits the fact that there are more Canadians than Chinese in Tanzania, and if you totalled all the Western "experts," advisors, teachers, diplomats and missionaries, the Chinese are outnumbered by 20 to 1.

Nevertheless to a Western world that is conditioned to see nothing but evil emanating from China, the Chinese presence here can be made to look pretty menacing.

But a look at the large new textile mill completely built and financed by China, which was opened recently by President Nyerere is a revelation of just how appropriate and how influential some forms of Chinese aid can be.

As textile factories go, the Friendship Mill on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam is probably very ordinary and not too different from spinning, weaving and dyeing mills anywhere. Its real significance is that it is here. Tanzania has for several years been a large producer of raw cotton, but it has always been shipped overseas for processing to be brought back as finished cloth and clothing at many times the cost.

Now Tanzanians can see their own cotton being turned into their own clothing, especially the brightly colored shawls called "khangas", which are the basic female garments for most of the population. But any textile mill could do that.

Although the Chinese mill is the largest and the first integrated complex that can also print designs on cotton as well as weave and dye it, it is not the first nor the only textile mill here.

Why, then, is the Friendship Mill so different?

Stories abound about Communist aid projects in the developing world that are badly designed and hurriedly built which have turned out to be useless.

But this mill began production 18 months after the cornerstone was laid. Throughout this period, when China was apparently in chaos because of the cultural revolution, every shipment for the project arrived on schedule, right down to the fluorescent light bulbs.

Nor is the machinery second-hand or jerry-built. It is all new, with metric markings in Chinese and English and there is provision for quality control checks at every step. The Chinese knew enough about the climate to provide for air-conditioning and humidity controlled areas.

Certainly the equipment is not as technologically sophisticated or automated as in the United States, but this is an advantage rather than a disadvantage. It provides more jobs in an area of high unemployment.

Secondly the machinery is easier to understand and repair. Because any particular process is broken down into more steps than in an automated mill, it serve a valuable educational function in a population where large numbers have never opened a door latch or threaded a nut.

Since the days of the "spinning jenny," textiles have been the first form of industrialization and so it is a very appropriate beginning for a country like Tanzania.

But it is not the technical functioning of the mill that is so impressive because it is probably a standard export model.

Rather, it is the internal organization. The essential thing is that Tanzanians have been left to make the decisions themselves and consequently they are learning from their own mistakes.

Compare this with the traditional system of investment in developing countries. All the executive personnel are foreigners while the local population provides cheap labor and raw materials. As long as there is a foreign financial interest that will be a white manager, whereas the manager of the Friendship Mill is black from "day one."

By the same token, the Friendship Mill is owned by Tanzania from the beginning (built with an interest free loan) whereas the traditional capitalist investor is allowed to send his profits out of the country, adding to the foreign exchange problems.

Much has also been made of the Chinese shoulder-to-shoulder approach to training and that the Chinese work along with their Tanzanian counterparts rather than acting as supervisors. The personnel manager boasted that there is a Tanzanian understudying every Chinese workman at the mill.

The Chinese actually getting their hands dirty demonstrates the basic difference between the Western and Eastern styles of giving foreign aid. When the Chinese come, they bring not only their engineers and technicians but also their own plumbers, carpenters, cooks, drivers and laborers.

When a Western company undertakes a project it only sends supervisory personnel.

What political and social impact will the presence of the Chinese make on Tanzanians, or in Reader's Digest sentiments, will the Chinese win the battle for their hearts and minds?

Just as I was leaving the mill, a group of Chinese girls were lining up for lunch. Their square-cut hair, bra-less figures and baggy trousers were marked contrast to the Tanzanian girls, who love the bright colors they are helping to produce and who use newly found foundation garments and hair styles to best advantage.

I doubt if they will be very anxious to emulate their Chinese sisters. President Nyerere himself has often said that his people are not prepared to accept the regimentation of the Chinese way of life.

But Chinese projects such as this will continue to be attractive to the African leaders, who see the Chinese actually demonstrating the devotion, hard work and frugality which everybody says is necessary but is very seldom found in practice.

OPEN LETTER TO A BROTHER GONE ASTRAY



Dear Brother,

I will refrain from using your name to avoid being guilty of actions that I am about to criticize. In your publication you have accused Eldridge Cleaver of being a "Brother Tom" -- such is not the case. Rather than deal with generalities, I will attempt to do a critical analysis of your accusation.

You say that Eldridge is providing the power structure with an excuse ("the Black help it needs") to facilitate the creation of a total police state within the Black communities. What you evidently don't understand is that the Black communities are already subjected to a police state that has been established to protect the interest of the economic exploiters of the Black communities. You see, the power structure already has a reason for maintaining a police state, and therefore, needs no excuse. Eldridge is fighting to eliminate the existing police state by educating the people and mobilizing a political force that can subject the power structure to a political consequence for its improper actions.

You say that Eldridge is willing to form premature alliances with groups that do not share our ultimate goals and aspirations and that we will be abandoned once the other groups have achieved their goals. Any alliance that accelerates the Black liberation movement towards its goal should be considered a wise alliance, and so far all of the alliances that Eldridge has made have accelerated the movement. We should not be concerned about being abandoned if in the course of an alliance we make progress. I will use an analogy to elucidate my point. It would be foolish for a hitchhiker who was going from Los Angeles to New York to refuse a ride with a man who was going to Kansas City simply because the man was not going all the way to New York.

Our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver, has said that it is time to intensify the struggle. I am in complete agreement with him. Our struggle must be intensified and concentrated to the point that we are so effective and efficient that Black Liberation becomes an inevitability instead of a goal. We must concentrate our efforts on goals that are visible and tangible, so that the people can see and feel the effects of our victories.

Two goals that I intend to give primary attention to are freedom for Huey P. Newton and amnesty for Eldridge Cleaver. These two brothers have given their freedom to us and we must employ that freedom to secure liberty for them. When Huey is free and Eldridge is able to walk the streets without concern for the racist establishment, the people will know that the philosophy of the Panther is a proper and effective one and will join us in our endeavors to secure Black Liberation and world peace. When we have consolidated the will of the people no force on the face of the Earth can stop us because we are the vanguard of the people's will. We have the verbal and spiritual support of the people. But we must gain their physical and active support by securing the aforementioned victories.

We all know that Huey P. Newton is being held as a political prisoner. The decision to imprison him was a political compromise. The establishment could not afford to give the impression that it condones Black self-defense as was being taught by Huey, so they framed Huey and sent him to prison. They would have killed him if Black people had not given their support to "Free Huey."

Eldridge Cleaver is now in a state of self-imposed exile of sorts. This exile is the result of more political chicanery. The establishment realized that the incarceration of Huey P. Newton did not stop the Black Liberation Movement; it only intensified it. With this in mind the establishment sought another example. The plan was to imprison Eldridge and kill him. The establishment incorrectly felt that this more drastic action would quench our thirst for freedom, but Eldridge has outfoxed them.

We need no more political martyrs; we need political victories. The first of these must be freedom for Huey and amnesty for Eldridge. There is no price too great to pay to secure these victories because the welfare of the world is at stake. An unjust establishment is punishing two just men, and as Martin Luther King said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." To institute justice we must put an end to unjust punishment.

To help Huey and Eldridge, what must we do: Secure justice. How much will we pay? THE SKY IS THE LIMIT.

You say that Eldridge is willing to endanger Black militants before we are sufficiently organized. Again you appear to be hung up on whites needing justification for their actions. We must expose ourselves in order to give our Black brother a visible organization with which he can associate. The real proof of the pudding lies in the fact that in spite of, or because of, constant exposure and attempted liquidations of the Black Panther Party has grown larger and stronger. Eldridge has been responsible for a great deal of this growth.

In addition to disagreeing with your criticism of Eldridge, I also disagree with your method of doing so. If you really wanted to make some constructive criticisms you could have written directly to Eldridge instead of making a published and public display of Black disunity. Remember what Brother Malcolm said about us discussing our differences in a closet.

I may have violated my own principles by seeking publication of this letter, but I have taken certain precautions. I have used neither your name nor the name of your publication, so only those of us who have read your article and this letter will know to whom my criticism is directed. I think this is much better than making an ineffective statement like, "This letter is for Black people only." I hope that I have offended you in no way because I seek fellowship with all of my black brothers, and I try to criticize actions and not people. I learned this from the Black Panther Party.

More power to you,
Frank Jones

ECONOMICS

By Frank Jones

My original intention was to write an article entitled "BLACK CAPITALISM" and do a critical analysis of the President-elect's plan to give the Black man "a piece of the action." But while trying to mentally organize an article on Black Capitalism I realized that in order to do a proper refutation of the President-elect's proposal, I would have to assume that the reader was familiar with the economic philosophy I have adopted. To avoid making an unwarranted assumption I have decided to present my philosophy. My goal is still the same--to expose the fallacy of Black capitalism--only now I will employ a different tactic. If my philosophy is adopted by the reader the Black Capitalism concept will automatically be rejected.

Before I introduce my economic philosophy I want to make one statement about Black Capitalism--the phrase is semantically contradictory. Capitalism is an economic system that requires the exploitation of economic factors, including labor (man). Black in its most definitive sense is an adjective that describes those people of African heritage who are opposed to exploitation. Therefore to use "Black" to qualify "Capitalism" is both paradoxical and contradictory. The situation can be resolved by changing the phrase to "Negro Capitalism."

The study of economics is very important to anyone who wishes to operate in the political sphere of society. A great deal of politics is involved with the establishment, regulation and control of economic systems and philosophies. Here in America the political system is geared to American capitalism, which is quite different from pure capitalism.

In American capitalism, the government attempts to regulate capitalistic endeavors by utilizing taxation to reinforce or supplement the market's "supply and demand" direction. In true or laissez-faire capitalism the "supply and demand" mechanism directs the economy, and there is no interference from the government or state. In addition to some weaknesses that will be discussed later, true capitalism is also unstable, unpredictable, and transitionally cumbersome.

Capitalism is unstable because prices can fluctuate wildly as "supply and demand" makes disproportionate variations. This fluctuation makes it difficult to determine the relative value of a given good or service over a predetermined period of time. Without knowledge of the relative value of a good or service, individuals have difficulty determining an equitable basis for the conduct of trade and/or exchange.

Capitalism is unpredictable because as prices fluctuate, incentives change and producers and purchasers vary their activities with changing incentives. Producers will attempt to concentrate of goods that have a high exchange value, while purchasers will seek to satisfy their needs and wants with goods that have low exchange value. The result of the two actions will be over production of high - exchange - value goods. The producers are then forced to lower the exchange value of their goods in order to make the goods marketable. The problem that occurs is the one of trying to predict what goods to produce without taking a loss from the change in exchange value. The purchasers have a similar problem.

Capitalism is transitionally cumbersome because during the period of changing exchange value of a good or service due to overproduction or underproduction (the causes of underproduction are the reverse of overproduction) the exchange value of a good or service may rise or decline steeply. During the transition period, from over or under production to economic stability, there would be much indecision and friction in the market, and also much trade during this period would be done on an inequitable basis.

To better understand true capitalism one can use the stock market as an example. When some stock appear as "hot issues" the public rushes to buy this stock thinking that the exchange value is low in relation to what it will be in the near future. The value of the stock will rise, because of demand, until the stock is traded at a high exchange value. When this happens the public demand for the stock declines and the value of the stock does likewise until the proper value of the stock is reached and stabilized. During the transition period profits are made by some and losses are taken by others due to inequitable trades.

All of the above weaknesses referred to true or laissez faire capitalism. In my next article I will discuss how the American government has attempted to overcome the weaknesses of true capitalism to the further detriment of the people.

10 POINT PROGRAM AND PLATFORM OF THE BLACK STUDENT UNIONS

We want an education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want an education that teaches us our true history and role in the present day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

1. WE WANT FREEDOM. WE WANT POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR SCHOOL.

We believe that we will not be free within the schools to get a decent education unless we are able to have a say and determine the type of education that will affect and determine the destiny of our people.

2. WE WANT FULL ENROLLMENT IN THE SCHOOLS FOR OUR PEOPLE.

We believe that the city and federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man a decent education.

3. WE WANT AN END TO THE ROBBERY BY THE WHITE MAN OF OUR BLACK COMMUNITY.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us of an education. We believe that this racist capitalist government has robbed the Black Community of its money by forcing us to pay higher taxes for less quality.

4. WE WANT DECENT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, FIT FOR THE USE OF STUDENTS.

We believe that if these businessmen will not give decent facilities to our community schools, then the schools and their facilities should be taken out of the hands of these few individual racists and placed into the hands of the community, with government aid, so the community can develop a decent and suitable educational system.

5. WE WANT AN EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT TEACHES US HOW TO SURVIVE IN THE PRESENT DAY SOCIETY.

We believe that if the educational system does not teach us how to survive in society and the world it loses its meaning for existence.

6. WE WANT ALL RACIST TEACHERS TO BE EXCLUDED AND RESTRICTED FROM ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

We believe that if the teacher in a school is acting in racist fashion then that teacher is not interested in the welfare or development of the students but only in their destruction.

7. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE. WE WANT ALL POLICE AND SPECIAL AGENTS TO BE EXCLUDED AND RESTRICTED FROM SCHOOL PREMISES.

We believe that there should be an end to harasment by the police department of Black people. We believe that if all of the police were pulled out of the schools, the schools would become more functional.

8. WE WANT ALL STUDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN EXEMPT, EXPELLED, OR SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL TO BE REINSTATED.

We believe all students should be reinstated because they haven't received fair and impartial judgment or have been put out because of incidents or situations that have occured outside of the schools authority.

9. WE WANT ALL STUDENTS WHEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL TO BE TRIED IN STUDENT COURT BY A JURY OF THEIR PEER GROUP OR STUDENTS OF THEIR SCHOOL.

We believe that the student courts should follow the United States Constitution so that students can receive a fair trial. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by a jury of his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economical, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court would be forced to select a jury of students from the community from which the defendent came. We have been and are being tried by a white principal, vice-principal, and white students that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the Black Community.

10. WE WANT POWER, ENROLLMENT, EQUIPMENT, EDUCATION, TEACHERS, JUSTICE, AND PEACE.

As our major political objective, an assembly for the student body, in which only the students will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of the students as to the school's destiny.

We hold these truths as being self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights within the schools, governments are instituted among the students, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of student government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the students to alter or abolish it and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its power in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes, and accordingly all experiences have shown, that mankind are more liable to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and force, pursuing invariably the same object, reveals a design to reduce them to absolute destruction, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such a government and to provide new guards for their future security.

"IMPORTANT" BLACK STUDENT UNIONS

The BLACK STUDENTS UNIONS have formed a state wide Union of B.S.U.'s, and are in the process of organizing on a national level. We call upon all BLACK STUDENTS to unite.

If your BLACK STUDENTS UNION hasn't become a member of this UNION of BLACK STUDENTS UNIONS send a letter or telegram giving information about your B.S.U. and the conditions that exist within your area. Become a part of a united movement of B.S.U.'s and stop moving on an individual bases. Together we will become the most effective organization on this earth; divided we are weak.

Send your letter to:

BLACK STUDENTS UNION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
3106 SHATTUCK ST.
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA



SIGN PETITION; CONTROL YOUR LOCAL PIGS

The Black Panther Party is circulating petitions in the cities of Berkeley, Oakland and Richmond, California, to gain community control of the police. The Black Panther Party is going to use the power of referendum to put an end to the police brutality that has flourished in the East Bay cities. By signing the petitions the registered voters in the cities of Berkeley, Oakland and Richmond can bring the matter of community control of the police before the people, the voters.

The basis for community control of the police is derived from the political philosophy that espouses that to secure the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, "governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." This philosophy can be applied by the people of the various communities of the East Bay to gain control of the enforcement branch of the city government. Since governments derive their power from the consent of the governed, it would be unjust for any oppressive force to be applied to a community to force that community to submit to an undesired form of governmental power. Each community must be given the autonomy it needs to pursue its happiness and desired order. If the will of the majority is used to suppress the rights of a minority, the resulting order will be unjust.

The present system of centralized police administration and control forces an unjust order onto the minorities by forcing the minorities to submit unwillingly to a type of enforcement that is repugnant to them. As long as an unjust order is imposed there will be many just men punished by that order. Huey P. Newton's imprisonment is a case in point. The only means for protecting the dignity and humanity of the just is to subject them only to a just system. A just system demands that each community has the power to control its destiny and maintain its tranquility. The petitions for community control of police is a measure that will help to balance the scales of justice.

Basically, the proposed amendments will establish separate police departments for the predominantly Black districts and the predominantly white districts of each city. (A third department will be established in Berkeley for the student communities.) The departments will be separate and autonomous, but they may by mutual agreement use common facilities. Each department will be administered by full time police commissions. The commissioners are to be selected by a Neighborhood Police Control Council composed of elected members from the local community. The councils shall have the power to discipline officers for breaches of Department policy or violations of law. The councils may also direct their commissioners to make changes in department-wide policy by majority vote. The amendment will also require all police officers to live in the department where they work.

Police brutality will cease when police are made to answer to the community for their brutal and oppressive tactics. In the name of justice, be sure to sign the petition.



FRONTIER OF IMPERIALISM

By Bobby Herron

Colonialism and imperialism are labels propagandized by the establishment to relate to other nations, when in essence America is the biggest perpetrator of these capitalistic endeavorments. This can best be mirrored by the racist act of genocide being conducted against the people of Vietnam.

What black people of racist America must begin to understand is that this same genocidal action is being perpetrated on black people within their colonial confines, or as the establishment relates to them, "ghettos."

Colonialism and imperialism are the main functions of a capitalistic government. This is a necessity of the capitalist because of his need to expand his endeavors through armed suppression of colored peoples throughout the world. After suppression has been initiated the people are maintained in an oppressive condition to further the capitalistic system's gain of profit.

The Black Panther Party feels that black people must overthrow this yoke of oppression and set up a governmental structure that will adhere to the needs and desires of the people.



A LETTER TO THURGOOD MARSHALL FROM THE BLACK GHETTOS OF AMERICA

BY: DYNAMITE

DEAR JUDGE MARSHALL:

We the oppressed Black people, the natives, the 'wretched of the earth,' hope this letter finds you weak, sick, and damn near dead. For you sir are a traitor. You are a guardian of the law.

You guard laws to which we are not legally nor morally bound, for we had no say in the making of these laws. The power to govern can be used only with the consent of those who are to be governed (God's law).

What prompted us to write this letter was your recent court decision in which you became Ronald Reagan's accomplice. You ignored the voice of thousands of people across the United States who by petition, demanded that Eldridge Cleaver remain free.

What we are going to talk about now you already know, for you are a part of the system. However, we are going to say it anyway. We know that years ago, when Malcolm X got out of prison, and began to hip us as to why we Black people could not progress as a people, word went out throughout the penal system to be on the lookout for all 'Malcolm X' types. All penal system officials were then instructed to keep them locked up or kill them.

This is exactly what the Governor of California and his Bootlickers and lackeys are trying to do. Eldridge Cleaver, who is one of us, who like every two out of three of us has been through the American prison system, from Juvenile Hall to the Big House. They tried hard to kill Eldridge but they couldn't. The time came where the had to let him go; they couldn't hold him any longer. Eldridge was warned that he could not write or make any public speeches against any public or prison official. In reality he was told: "You are a dog on a leash; don't get disobedient or we will yank you back by the throat."

Eldridge Cleaver said: "Later for you," too many of my brothers are suffering and having their manhood destroyed by this vicious, racist system. So Eldridge Cleaver began to define and expose. He made the people aware that the California Prison system is controlled and operated by a group of homosexual psychopaths of whom Ronald Reagan is the leader and chief freak. Of course, as you know judge, these are not the only freaks that run racist America. You are a member of the Johnson Administration of which a member by the name of Jenkins was caught buck naked "twice" on the streets of your capital, Washinton D.C.

So judge, we feel we have wasted enough paper and valuable time on you. For you are not worth the bullet it would take to kill you. Just remember, as you bend to lick the cowboy boots of LBJ; you obtained the opportunity to become a house nigger by walking over the bodies of us dead field niggers. We don't relate to that. The real power lies with the people. It was the power of the people that kept Eldridge Cleaver out of your vicious clutches, and it is the power of the people that will bring you and your slave masters to their doom.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
AND PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

Breakfast for School Children

OAKLAND, California -- The National Advisory Cabinet to the Black Panther Party is working with and for St.Augustine Episcopal Church's program: breakfast in the morning for Oakland's school children in the black community.

All children in grammar schools and growing young adults in Junior High Schools can receive free, FULL BREAKFASTS in the mornings before they go to school. The first of these breakfasts will exist one hour before school hours at St. Augustine's Church, 27th and West, and the Black Community Center, at 42nd and Grove Streets, EVERY SCHOOL MORNING.

The National Advisory Cabinet and church members are calling on all mothers and others who want to work with this revolutionary program of making sure that our young have full stomachs before going to school. The schools and the Board of Education should have had this program instituted a long time ago. How can our children learn anything when most of their stomachs are empty? Black people in the Black Community-mothers, welfare recipients, grand-mothers, guardians, and others who are trying to raise children in the black community where racists oppress us - are asked to come forth to work and support this needed program. Soul food: grits, eggs, bread, and meat for the stomachs is where it's at when it comes to properly preparing our children for education. LET'S DO IT NOW. Support this community program.

Those who want to volunteer their work every morning or every other morning can come to the BLACK PANTHER PARTY CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS at 3106 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley or contact Father Niel at these numbers: 534-6684, 893-1016. Interested persons may also contact Ruth Beckford Smith at 893-8211 or sign up with other community peoples and citizens for full stomachs and better education of black children.

We urge as many mothers and other black citizens as possible to unite with this COMMUNITY-BLACK PANTHER PROGRAM. We are also asking all businesses throughout the black community to donate the necessary food and utensils to prepare the foods for our children. Call the Black Panther Office at 845-0103 or 845-0104. Everything of value donated to BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN is tax deductable. Items or funds may be sent c/o St. Augustine Episcopal Church. Just let us know, both black and white communities and citizens, what you can donate in money, time, etc.

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POCKET LAWYER OF LEGAL FIRST AID

This pocket lawyer is provided as a means of keeping black people up to date on their rights. We are always the first to be arrested and the racist police forces are constantly trying to pretend that rights are extended equally to all people. Cut this out, brothers and sisters, and carry it with you. Until we arm ourselves to righteously take care of our own, the pocket lawyer is what's happening.

1. If you are stopped and/or arrested by the police, you may remain silent; you do not have to answer any questions about alleged crimes, you should provide your name and address only if requested (although it is not absolutely clear that you must do so.) But then do so, and at all time remember the fifth amendment.

2. If a police officer is not in uniform, ask him to show his identification. He has no authority over you unless he properly identifies himself. Beware of persons posing as police officers. Always get his badge number and his name.

3. Police have no right to search your car or your home unless they have a search warrant, probable cause or your consent. They may conduct no exploratory search, that is, one for evidence of crime generally or for evidence of a crime unconnected with the one you are being questioned about. (Thus, a stop for an auto violation does not give the right to search the auto.) You are not required to consent to a search; therefore, you should not consent and should state clearly and unequivocally that you do not consent, in front of witnesses if possible. If you do not consent, the police will have the burden in court of showing probably cause. Arrest may be corrected later.

4. You may not resist arrest forcibly or by going limp, even if you are innocent. To do so is a separate crime of which you can be convicted even if you are acquitted of the original charge. Do not resist arrest under any circumstances.

5. If you are stopped and/or arrested, the police may search you by patting you on the outside of your clothing. You can be stripped of your personal possessions. Do not carry anything that includes the name of your employer or friends.

7. Do not engage in "friendly" conversation with officers on the way to or at the station. Once you are arrested, there is little likelihood that anything you say wili get you released.

8. As soon as you have been booked, you have the right to complete at least two phone calls – one to a relative, friend or attorney, the other to a bail bondsman. If you can, call the Black Panther Party, 845-0103 (845-0104), and the Party will post bail if possible

9. You must be allowed to hire and see an attorney immediately.

10. You do not have to give any statement to the police, nor do you have to sign any statement you might give them, and therefore you should not sign anything. Take the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, because you cannot be forced to testify against yourself.

11. You must be allowed to post bail in most cases, but you must be able to pay the bail bondsmen's fee. If you cannot pay the fee, you may ask the judge to release you from custody without bail or to lower your bail, but he does not have to do so.

12. The police must bring you into court or release you within 48 hours after your arrest (unless the time e?ds on a week-end or a holiday, and they must bring you before a judge the first day court is in session.)

13. If you do no' have the money to hire an attorney, immediately ask the police to get you an attorney without charge.

14. If you have the money to hire a private attorney, but do not know of one, call the National Lawyers' Guild or the Alameda County Bar Association (or the Bar Association of ydur county) and furnish you with the name of an attorney who practices criminal law.

COMING IN FEBRUARY . . .

A NATIONWIDE BIRTHDAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION FOR HUEY P. NEWTON

NEWS FLASH....

NEW YORK PIGS USE NEW TACTIC TO VAMP ON 12 PANTHERS

NATIONWIDE HARRASSMENT OF PANTHERS BY PIG POWER STRUCTURE

Seattle Pigs Murder Panther









Panthers' Account of N.Y. Incident

PIGS UPTIGHT: BOMB N.J. PANTHER OFFICE

PIGS RAID DES MOINES PANTHERS

INDIANAPOLIS PANTHERS TARGET OF PIG ATTACK

OFF THE PIGS

NATIONWIDE HARRASSMENT OF PANTHERS BY PIG POWER STRUCTURE

PIGS PLOTTED MURDERS OF L.A. PANTHERS

Why was there a planned attack waged against the Black residents of Watts by the pig police department? Our brothers were murdered, our women and children were viciously, shamelessly, and unmercifully assaulted and beaten by this army of pigs. Those of us who are residents of Watts or for that matter residents of any Black community know that harassment and brutality by the pig is a daily routine. So it is only reasonable logic to conclude that the bosses of the pigs had a definate significant motive for waging this attack. It was not just to satisfy the cowardly pig's lust and desire to spill the Blackman's blood; this he does daily at his own will and without the necessity for direct orders.

Although provoked many times by the pigs the Black residents of Watts have refused to have a repetition of the 1965 resistance. It was known that this method of resistance had served its purpose and that it is now outdated. New methods of resistance had to be adapted and applied.

The pigs waged this attack and claimed to have won a victory in battle that never was a battle.

When the white policy makers of this government put Black people in chains and treated them like animals, they found it was necessary, in order to stop opposition from non-slaveholders in America and throughout the world, to justify slavery by claiming that the life these Africans were living was a fate worse than death and that they were far better off as slaves where the good white masters would feed them while they in return would give their labor. This lie was told so convincingly that even the Pope in Rome gave all of God's blessing. The policy makers found the false propaganda to be a most effective method of keeping opposition to a minimum. Ever since the so-called emancipation of policy makers continued to use this brainwashing method to justify their treatment of black people. This was done through an educational system that subtly taught white supremacy and by always portraying Black people as inferior. This brings us back to the reason why these trend of attacks are taking place throughout the entire country. It is the intention of the policy makers to commit mass murder of Black people. This must be done without the opposition or protest of white citizens. So through their medium of communications, radio, newspapers, magazines, and televisions, they portray images of us, instead of being the victim as we really are, they make it appear to the mass of white people that we want to destroy the property of others, that we have no regards for the rights of others and that we are lawless criminals who daily destroy law and order. By the pigs making attacks on us and claiming that we attacked them: (1) Its led white people to believe that they are in some sort of danger from Black people and that the pigs are protecting them from us. Which is completely untrue. (2) They distract the attention of the people away from genuine issues such as freedom and justice for Black and Brown people and the unjust war against the Vietnamese people. (3) They create a political appetite in the minds of white people that fashions their thinking to be more conducive for a false campaign of repression of Black and Brown people. So now we hear campaign slogans of "Law and Order" and "Support your local pigs." Let me warn you that Hitler had similar slogans when he intended to exterminate the Jews. Today we are not merely resisting racism and exploitation. We are not merely resisting brutality and murder, but we are resisting genocide. A systematic killing of our people. It is genocide when pig police go unpunished when they murder Black people in the streets. It is genocide when Black youth are systematically sent off to Vietnam and are dying in such an inordinate proportion. It is genocide when Congress appropriates birth control legislation aimed at eliminating Black mothers from giving birth to children. It is genocide when a Black child's body is wrecked with the pain of hunger and starvation.

Amongst us we have 120,000 Black guerilla warfare fighters (veterans of Vietnam). They have great interest in the survival of our people. We must not sit back and allow the best of our people to be murdered or to wait until a member of our own family is the victim.

We must waste no time! unite and resist.

--Bro. Rodney Barnette

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER TOMMY LEWIS

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER ROBERT LAWRENCE

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER STEVE BARTHOLOMEW

Denver Pigs Incite Riot

Eyewitness report by
LAUREN R. WATSON
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Pigs make brutal attack on black community - shoot up Panther office - arrest Panthers on false charges - deny testimony of Panther witnesses.

DENVER -- After minor, neighborhood incident, numerous pigs flaunted their vicious gestapotactics. The pigs made a brutal assault on the citizens of the black community.

Pigs became uptight when citizens of the black community turned to the Black Panther Party, an organization of and for black people, for help.

Well-equiped pigs attacked the black community with every riot control weapon invented. Mace was sprayed into elderly Black women and young childrens' eyes. Bystanders were viciously beaten with riot clubs and gun butts.

The pigs stated to the Denver Press that they had just reasons for using brute force. Reason: A report from a racist merchant that looting was going on in his



'highway-robbery' establishment.

Although after the minor disturbance had quieted down, the racist pigs, because they had not had a chance to kill any black people, shot into the Black Panther office hoping to get a victim. The office is also living quarters for Chairman Lauren Watson, a few other brothers and sisters were also there at the time. But the pigs didn't stay for a fight they broke the speed limit trying to get away.

Watson held a press conference on this incident, but it was carried in only one paper. One of the reporters from another paper informed Watson that his editor and the F.B.I. had warned him not to print the story.

Watson and other members of the Panther Party were arrested and charged with misdemeanor counts, on different occasions during and after the disturbance. In addition, Watson was also charged with conspiracy to incite arson, and conspiracy to incite destruction of life and property. These charges carry a sentence of 30 years in prison.

When Watson and the other brothers went to be arraigned, the Judge refused to hear or take into evidence any comments made by the people of the black community on behalf of the Panther brothers. Showing us again what kind of injustice can be expected from the pig's court.



Panther captain murdered

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30—Franko Diggs, a captain of the Los Angeles Black Panther Party, was murdered at 120 St. and Main St. on Dec. 19, according to a statement made today by Panther spokesman Mike Pennywell. The murder received no coverage in the local newspapers. A public funeral was planned for 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 2, at the Victory Baptist Church, 4802 McKinley Avenue.

In a statement to **The Militant**, Pennywell described the murder of Franko Diggs as "an attempt to liquidate the leadership of the Black Panther Party by the racist power structure. . . . Captain Franko had no real family—but he had a big family here in L.A. that loved him very deeply, the Black Panther Party. . . . We will intensify our struggle until there will be no more cold-blooded murders of our people."

Funds to help with the funeral expenses are needed and can be sent to the Captain Franko Diggs Fund, 8404 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif.



SEATTLE CHAPTER CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION OF PANTHER BROTHER'S MURDER

Seattle's Black Panther Party plans to investigate the shooting death of one of its members yesterday, a spokesman for the militant group said today.

Sidney U. Miller, 26, of 1732 18th Ave., died about 1 p. m. yesterday after being shot during an attempted robbery by a West Seattle storekeeper.

Curtis R. Harris, the party's lieutenant of defense, told newsmen today the party had gotten conflicting accounts of the shooting.

HARRIS said he had learned that Miller was looking for a job yesterday. He theorized that Miller was mistaken for a holdup man when he went into the store to look for a job.

Harris said the party had obtained two lawyers to investigate and that the slain man's parents also are sending lawyers from Chicago.

"I don't think he was robbing (the store) — he was a faithful member of the party," Harris said.

Harris said he hoped the incident would not reflect badly on individual members of the party.

"Take it out on the party," he said, "but judge a person as a person."

SEVERAL members of the party displayed rifles and shotguns at the press conference today, held in the rain outside the group's headquarters at 1127½ 34th Ave.

Bobby White, lieutenant of information, read a prepared

DENVER PIGS ATTACK PANTHERS

DENVER (Liberation News Service)—The Denver police are imitating storm troopers this month in their attempt to destroy the local Black Panther Party. They have succeeded only in increasing Panther militancy and community support of the group.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, 43 cops raided and ransacked Au Naturel, the Panthers' headquarters, causing an estimated $9,000 in damage. The cops had a warrant and claimed they were hot on the trail of a large cache of weapons. Afterwards they reported finding four guns. Newspapers praised the cops, saying that they had been informed that the arms were moved out just before the raid.

A member of the University of Colorado SDS, an eyewitness to the raid, gave this description: "The pigs ripped off the wood panneling, pulled out light fixtures, tore up posters, smashed a display of black art, battered down the walls between the offices and mutilated the faces on drawings hung around the place. They broke into coke and pinball machines and the cash register, tore out a stage, smashed chairs, tore up the basement and destroyed boxes of children's toys the Panthers had collected for neighborhood kids. The place looked like a bomb-had hit." The Panthers report that the cops stole $137 from the cash register and $20 from the coke machine.

The raid took place just after 100 guests left Au Naturel. They had been celebrating the wedding of Panther leader Lauren Watson. Watson had received earlier threats from the police, assuring him that his wedding would never happen. An armed Panther guard stood on a balcony throughout the reception.

In response to the outrage of the black community and a portion of the white community, a commission was formed to investigate charges of police vandalism. The commission was headed by none other than Police Chief George Seaton. He found the cops innocent.

Seaton theorized that the Panthers had done the damage themselves, to tarnish the good reputation of the police department. He said the cops carried out an "ordinary search." Mayor Currigan criticized the Panthers for "doing a great disservice to the community" by "libeling" the cops.

The cops did not limit themselves to destroying property. Earlier on the wedding day they arrested James Young, a Panther leader, claiming that he stood outside the headquarters with a shotgun and "threatened to shoot a cop, then ran back into the house." But Young was busted outside, unarmed. He was charged with "assault on a police officer" and locked up for two days in Denver County jail. At the time of the arrest Young was out on bond from a previous charge of sniping during an outbreak in Denver's black community last summer. The cops roughed up Young's wife and charged her with "creating a disturbance." It is reported that this charge has been dropped.

Lauren Watson was also arrested last summer and charged with "conspiracy to commit arson." His trial started Dec. 16, and if he is found guilty, he can be sentenced to a maximum of 20 years in jail.

Several other Panthers have been followed and busted on technical traffic violations, such as not stopping behind the white line in an intersection.



DIXON DEFEATS PIGS

SEATTLE—Aaron Dixon, Seattle Black Panther Party captain, won a major court victory on Dec. 17. He had been tried on a trumped-up charge of grand larceny by possession because an allegedly stolen typewriter was found in Black Panther headquarters. After less than four hours of deliberation an all-white jury of 10 women and two men returned a verdict of not guilty. The trial was part of a concerted police drive against the Panthers.

The prosecution maintained that Dixon was seen carrying a typewriter into the Panther office on the evening of July 18, 1968, the same evening a typewriter had disappeared from the Legal Services Center about a mile away. The missing typewriter was found at Panther headquarters on July 29 when the police entered and searched the office and arrested Aaron Dixon.

The state's case rested mainly on the testimony of Detective Sanford of the Seattle Police Department, who said he observed the Panther office from an unmarked police car on the evening of July 18. On several points his testimony at the trial contradicted his earlier sworn statements.

He originally indicated he had seen Dixon enter the headquarters about 9 p.m.; at the trial he testified it was closer to 8 p.m. At the trial he testified for the first time that he had been using binoculars; earlier he had indicated he was simply watching. He also changed the position of the other police officers in the car, and changed the position of the car itself.

When asked to explain these and the other differences in testimony, Sanford suggested that the official court record of his testimony was incorrect and also that he hadn't read "word for word" the affi-davits he had signed.

Two defense witnesses swore that Dixon was at their apartment from 8 p.m. until about 9:20 on July 18. Dixon's mother testified that he had been home between about 9:30 and 10:30.

A series of photographs of the Panther headquarters were introduced as evidence, taken under conditions similar to those which prevailed at the time Detective Sanford said he saw Dixon with the typewriter. The photographs taken from the alleged position of the police car showed numerous obstructions to the view of the Panther headquarters.

A major part of the defense case rested on the testimony of an electrical engineer. On the basis of light meter readings, he testified to the dim light just before sunset on July 18, and other equally important details.

The final witness for the defense was Aaron Dixon himself who described the events of July 18 and his arrest on July 29.

The sum total of the evidence against the Seattle cops' case was so convincing that even the Superior Court judge commended the jury's verdict of not guilty.

DESCRIPTION OF A RACIST PIG

By Cam Flournoy

The head was rather chunky and formless like a harded clod of earth. Out of the face protruded a deformed grisly nose, like a dent in a piece of sheet metal. The skin was crusted and had a bluish tinge where fungus-like outgrowths of hair hung limply from the ruptured double chin. The forehead was low and narrow, savagely jutting out, and supported by a bushy jungle of ape-like brows. The eyes, recessive and like those of a diseased animal, were held together by blobs of formless flesh. The total conglomeration was highlighted by a patch of stubble, graying where it met the mutated outgrowths parallel to the nose, called ears. The structure in all its stagnant repulsiveness, was mounted on a cringed, broken, decrepid frame, from which thick, hairy, elongated stubs hung like two corpses from a gallows. These were fused at the extremities to two claw-like mechanisms, from which grew mutations of once agile feelers, now lost in a fur-like jungle of coarse insulation. This derelict being was also reinforced by a pair of rubbery, synthetic, bony extensions, kept in balance by two elongated monkey paws, to which crusted, burned callouses clung in tight raw little bunches, thus inhibiting complete freedom of movement. The function of this Pre- Neanderthal monstrosity was to act as guardian of the peace, and protector of law and order.



"IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE PRISONER'S DEBT TO SOCIETY VERSUS SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE PRISONER IS INJECTED FORCEFULLY INTO NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS, INTO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, AND INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE BODY POLITIC. IT IS AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOT OF AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, THE STRUCTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW, THE PREVAILING BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD A CONVICTED FELON." (SOUL ON ICE, P.59)

Eldridge Cleaver made the decision to politically exile himself November 27th, on the basis that the Adult Authority made an outlaw decision, and that he has been denied his constitutional right to due process of law.

The revocation of Cleaver's parole was illegal, because no parole violation was committed.

The Adult Authority parole board has tried to maintain that Cleaver violated his parole by having a rifle in his possession, and by associating with individuals of bad reputation. This contention, we will show, is false. The Adult Authority version contradicts the Superior Court order itself:

" . . . Cleaver's only handling of a firearm (the rifle) was in obedience to a police command. He did not handle a hand gun at all. There was nothing one way or the other to show a conspiracy or a situation calling for the application of the doctrine of aiding and abetting. Hence, nothing supported either the possession of a firearm or the assault charge.

As to the charge of association with individuals of bad reputation, the report indicated that two or three of those named had "police records," but nothing to show whether any had been convicted of anything, or whether Cleaver knew of their arrest record." (Superior Court c.t. 137, 138, 140, 141.)

Parolee Cleaver was denied due process of law by being denied opportunity to present his case.

Why was Cleaver returned to prison as a parole violator if documented evidence to the contrary had been presented in his defense? To answer that question, one must examine the Adult Authority. This board has the right to arbitrarily revoke or suspend parole on any individual. At the same time, the Adult Authority maintains—falsely—that Cleaver has the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing. This is how it works:

"A parolee is served with violation charges, is interviewed, is given a hearing (before the Adult Authority itself, the charging party) at which the parolee may 'plead' to the parole violation charges, and is afforded an opportunity to present his defense."

"At the 'hearing' a parolee is denied the right to counsel, may not have an independent and impartial officer to conduct the hearing and make decision." (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 17)

Not only does the Adult Authority hold secret hearings, but it also refuses to notify persons under its jurisdiction of its procedures, or of its variable definitions of what constitutes a parole violation. This secrecy and vagueness is in direct violation of federal law which requires agencies to publish their procedures "for guidance of the public."

"Petitioner (Cleaver) is immediately and seriously prejudiced by the Adult Authority's unlawful refusal to publish its regulations, since he is to be imprisoned by virtue of an action which the Adult Authority still seeks to garb in this 'veil of secrecy.' (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 12)

Yes, the Adult Authority acted unjustly and illegally. Its decision was an outlaw decision. Cleaver had no chance of obtaining "justice" from these Star Chamber proceedings. Why then wouldn't the U.S. Supreme Court hear Cleaver's case? There are, we believe, three reasons why the case wasn't accepted. The first is that any fair minded court would obviously have released Cleaver, thereby setting a precedent. The second is that thousands of cases of alleged parole violation from all over California and other states would be subject to reversal. Thirdly, the illegal functioning of the Adult Authority would come under attack. The U.S. Supreme Court just couldn't afford to consider the Cleaver case during this turbulent period.

Eldridge Cleaver is a victim of naked, shameless political persecution. As Judge Sherwin puts it:

" . . . The uncontradicted evidence presented to this court indicated that the petitioner had been a model parolee. The peril to his parole status stemmed from no failure of personal rehabilitation, but from his undue eloquence in pursuing political goals, goals which were offensive to many of his contemporaries. Not only was there absence of cause for the cancellation of parole, it was the product of a type of pressure unbecoming, to say the least, to the law enforcement paraphernalia of this state."

Cleaver is in political exile because a man of his convictions cannot get justice here. Indeed, if we are to give more than lip service to the concepts of freedom and justice we must support him. The work to get him discharged from parole must continue. An intense publicity campaign is necessary now to bring to the public the legal defense and arguments which were carried to the courts with no satisfaction. We must all work together to focus attention of this case. This is not an issue of one man's freedom, but a broad struggle which affirms the right of all of us to speak out politically in this country. If Cleaver is not allowed his freedom, it is just a matter of time until all our freedoms are further reduced. His is not a personal struggle but a political one.

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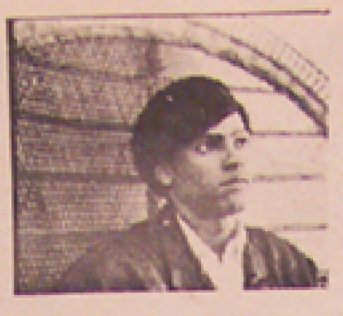
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1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the white man of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

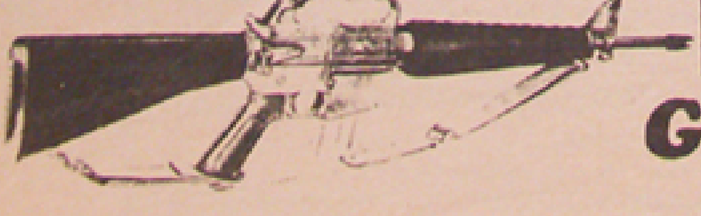
9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.



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Every member of the party must know these verbatum by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leaders, Section Leaders, and Lieutenants, Captains must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.

8 POINTS OF ATTENTION

1) Speak politely.

2) Pay fairly for what you buy.

3) Return everything you borrow.

4) Pay for anything you damage.

5) Do not hit or swear at people.

6) Do not damage property or crops of the poor, oppressed masses.

7) Do not take liberties with women.

8) If we ever have to take captives do not ill-treat them.

3 MAIN RULES OF DISCIPLINE

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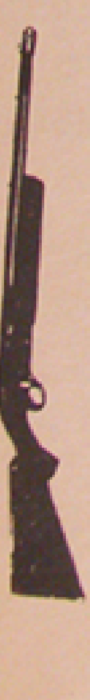
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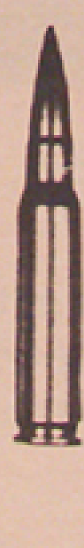
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